

Amendment in resp. to O.A. dtd. 6-29-99
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LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT LETTER INPUT
BY MEANS OF NUMBER KEYS

terminal of a cellular radio system, the portable terminal having a numeric keypad (100, 300), characterised in that it comprises [stages wherein] the steps of:

[- information is produced]

(a) producing information (200) concerning which set of the possible characters entered as push-button commands is in use [and];

[-] (b) associating each key in the numeric keypad [is associated] with a certain subset of characters belonging to the selected set of characters;

(c) selecting a key associated with the desired subset of characters; and

(d) pressing the key successively until the desired character is produced.

10. (Amended) [An apparatus] A portable terminal of a cellular radio system equipped with a keypad (300) and including an electronic circuit (301) for converting presses of numeric keys into character inputs, characterised in that it comprises in connection with the electronic circuit a memory element (302) which includes a certain part (302a) for storing information indicating which set of the possible characters entered as successive push-button commands is in use as well as character set tables (302b-n) for selectively associating certain characters with each key on the basis of the information in said part (302a).

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 29, 1999. Claims 1-10 remain in the application and all stand rejected. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in order to more accurately define the invention which applicant seeks to